

Application. No.: 10/022,462
Amendment dated February 4, 2005
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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-17 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled with the limitations thereof incorporated into amended claim 1. Claims 3, 4, 6, 10 and 15 have been amended to depend from amended claim 1. Independent claims 16 and 17 have been amended to include a limitation similar to that expressly set forth in original claim 5.

Applicant thanks the examiner for indicating that claims 5-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chan (U.S. Patent No. 6,378,070). This rejection, as it may be applied to the amended claims is respectfully traversed.

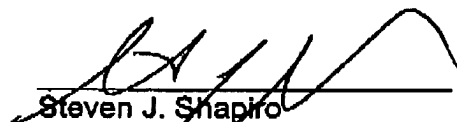
As discussed above, independent amended claim 1 is now original claim 5 in independent form. Since the Examiner indicated that claim 5 would be allowed if written in independent form, it is submitted that the instant rejection with respect to claim 1 (and each of claims 2-15 which each depend from claim 1) has been obviated.

It is also submitted that amended claims 16 and 17 are also in condition for allowance for the same reasons as claim 1.

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It is submitted that the application stands in condition for allowance.
Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested and an early notice of allowance earnestly solicited. If the examiner has any additional questions, please contact the undersigned at the number below.

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